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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6680

BILL NUMBER: HB 1274

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Candidate petitions.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Battles

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: Requires that petitions for candidates for the offices of United States Senator, governor, or President of the United States precede the declarations of candidacy for those offices. (Under current law, the petitions must accompany the declarations of candidacy.) Requires that the information required under IC 3-8-6-12 precede a petition for nomination of an independent or minor political party candidate. Provides that petitions may be submitted starting November 29 of the year preceding the year in which the primary election will be held. (Under current law, petitions may be filed starting on the first date declarations of candidacy may be filed.) Specifies the format for each page of a petition, including an affidavit signed by the individual submitting the page that states that the individual has no reason to doubt the authenticity of the signatures on that page. Establishes procedures for the certification of petitioners as voters of a county. Provides that, if a petition submitter does not properly complete an affidavit for a petition page, the petitioners on that page may not be certified. Requires the office or board certifying the petitioners to transmit the petition not later than 48 hours after certification to the election division by first class mail. Requires the election division to place a time stamp on each page of the petition upon receipt, to store all petitions received, and to maintain a log of each person accessing the petitions. Requires the election division to certify whether a candidate has met the minimum number of petitioners required to accompany a declaration of candidacy not later than one day after the declaration is filed. Requires the election division to notify the candidate in writing if the election division denies the certification. Permits any individual to contest the denial of the certification by filing a sworn statement with the election division. Requires that the contest must be determined by the election commission.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been*

completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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